

### Lomita Woman Involved In Fiery Crash

Plunging blindly through a veil of black smoke and roaring flames, a 19-year-old dishwasher proved herself a hero last Saturday when she rescued a gasoline-soaked traffic victim after a collision which involved a Lomita woman motorist.

Arnold Neufeld of Newhall, a cafe employee who saw an automobile driven by Mrs. Levi S. Smith of 2313 West 25th street, and a truck-trailer crash at Sepulveda boulevard and San Fernando Road, dashed into the gasoline-fed furnace to rescue Theodore Wallbrook, a truck swamper.

Wallbrook and Mrs. Smith were treated for burns at a Van Nuys emergency hospital. Police said that a truck-trailer en route to Los Angeles from Oakland with a 16-ton load of sugar, was struck by Mrs. Smith's car.

The force of the impact ignited the gasoline tank of the truck and the driver, Raymond Smith of Alhambra, leaped to safety. His swamper, Wallbrook, followed suit and landed in a pool of flaming gasoline from which he was saved by Neufeld.

The burning gasoline ignited brush on unoccupied farmland and flames raged over more than five acres before the blaze was brought under control by firemen from Van Nuys and North Hollywood. An abandoned shed was razed.

### State Puts Four New Dental-Trailers in Service for Children

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—The state department of public health announced today it will put four new dental trailers—completely equipped mobile offices—in the field soon to give treatment to children of pre-school age.

Dr. Bertram Brown, department director, said that three of the trailers operate in rural counties which will pay part of the cost and the fourth will be sent among migratory agricultural workers of five southern San Joaquin valley counties.

The trailers will supply three others which have been in operation in Orange, Yolo and San Joaquin counties.

Dr. Brown said the staff of the traveling dentists' offices will give pre-school dental care to children of pre-school age. Also, the staff will treat dental infections of expectant mothers selected in pre-natal conferences conducted by the health department.

### Legion Reiterates 'Buy American'

Reiterating the principle of "Buy American" and "only those goods which are fabricated, grown, manufactured and sold by American citizens who maintain standard wages and hours of employment," the local Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, adopted the following resolution recently, according to Adjutant Vern Babcock:

"WHEREAS: For many years it has been the policy of the American Legion, nationally, to encourage American industry and enterprise by advocating the principle of 'Buy American,' and

"WHEREAS: The present emergency has accentuated the need for a reiteration of this sound patriotic principle as a sure means of thwarting monopolistic control of many of our basic industries by alien races unsympathetic with American ideals and institutions, and

"WHEREAS: Our present national defense effort would be incomplete unless some effort is directed toward the breaking up of these monopolies, particularly those monopolies which affect the basic necessities of life,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, sitting in regular meeting assembled at Torrance, California, this third day of September, 1940, that we do urge upon all good citizens of this and all other American communities to buy only those goods which are fabricated, grown, manufactured and sold by American citizens who maintain standard wages and hours of employment according to the best American traditions.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the 19th District and the Los Angeles County Council for their endorsement and support."

The United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000.

## OIL INDUSTRY IS PREPARED!

By NEAL VAN SOOY, President California Newspaper Publishers Association

Last week saw the official unveiling of several 1941 model automobiles, and despite the war in Europe, conscription in America and uncertainty in politics, the sales executives predict a banner year for the new cars.

What I wondered as I heard their optimistic talks, was: If more people keep buying more cars, and the war keeps increasing its mechanized tempo—then what are we going to do about our oil supply?

You will recall that a year ago we voted on a measure for State control of petroleum production, and the general impression we got during the campaign was that the Army, the Navy, the Department of the Interior and practically everyone else connected with the government felt that we were in danger of exhausting our oil resources otherwise. The bill was defeated and consumption has increased greatly since then; has the problem also grown more grave?

Not according to statisticians of the Pacific Coast petroleum industry, for in talking to one of its representatives last week-end, I found that this country not only produces enough gasoline products to take care of us for years to come, but also produces such a superior grade that it gives us worldwide supremacy in performance as well as in quantity.

For example, our oil companies are producing 2,000,000 gallons per day of aviation gasoline, enough to fuel five times as many military planes as we now have. Furthermore, our gasoline is so much better than foreign brands that our planes can fly 30 percent faster, climb 25 percent quicker, carry 25 percent more load, and give 30 percent more engine wear.

Pacific Coast production alone can keep 1313 bombers (or 1458 pursuit planes) in the air for four hours a day—day after day. The Pacific Coast industry alone can supply the Navy with all the oil and grease it needs—day after day. The Pacific Coast field alone can keep the Army's tanks, trucks, motorcycles, guns and cannons going—day after day. Yes, it can do all this and still keep our private and commercial autos running as usual, and continue to supply fuel for all present and future needs in our factories, stores and homes.

Besides all that, the oil industry is furnishing elements which are being used in synthetic rubber, in TNT, and in dozens of other products which are vital to our defense program, and it can keep on supplying them.

These statistical experts say that our present known supply in California can last for 29 years, in spite of a terrific consumption such as war might demand, and that new underground fields are being discovered faster than the old ones are being drained, to give us an even larger reserve.

Furthermore, because our oil is drawn from such deep sources, it is practically immune from possible enemy bomb attacks, since the pools have natural "air-raid shelters" more than a mile below ground. Not only that, but there are nearly 20,000 single wells scattered in 60 separate fields in the State, which would present a tough problem in itself to an attacking air armada.

More than any other nation in the world, the United States is able to look upon one phase of its defense program—the petroleum industry—with satisfaction. The industry's voluntary conservation of much of its resources, plus its constant research into new fields and its steady improvement of drilling, piping and refining facilities, assures us of a trump card in any international emergency.

Preparedness of our oil industry is in sharp contrast to the underdevelopment in so many other fields of national defense. It is a story which should be widely told, so that Americans may know that not everything is "on order." With petroleum, it is "on hand."

### No. 1 Draftee of World War I Lives In Lomita

Lomita and San Pedro lay claim to the Number 1 draft registrant of the first World War. He is Richard (Dick) Belmont, San Pedro service station proprietor, and a resident of Lomita.

Belmont was one of the first men in the United States to register. Belmont, working in a Montana mine, registered at Whitefish, Flathead county, Montana, receiving certificate No. 1 there, at the stroke of 6 a.m., June 5, 1917, two hours ahead of eastern and midwestern registrants.

Later Belmont became an aviator and piloted planes in England and France. Incidentally, bombers of 1917-18 were mighty slow compared with the dive bombers of today. Speed of bombers was 65 to 125 miles per hour.

Today bombers' speed varies from 200 to 225 miles per hour, and dive bombers "peel off" at 400 miles or better.

### Dr. Proctor in Movies On Mouth Health

Two new companion moving pictures of mouth health will be shown at the free exhibit of the Southern California State Dental Association at the Ambassador Hotel Oct. 21, 22 and 23. The pictures were made primarily for educational purposes in the public schools. They have the approval of the Association who say on their program: "This is a Los Angeles movie production for American schools that we prophesy will soon have national distribution."

The pictures are 16 mm. shorts, with sound effects (a commentator and musical background). Recently the pictures were shown at a preview on the Warners lot on Sunset boulevard where Dr. Minnie Proctor, known to many Torrance residents, as Mrs. George A. Proctor, a former resident of Torrance, was introduced as technical adviser on the screen.

Military uses of flax are in making harness, belts, straps and parachute rigging.

Florida has 43.8 acres of water for each fishing license, excluding the ocean.

### Missing Lomita and Wilmington Girl Are Sought by Authorities

Police officers and the sheriff's office are seeking information of two young girls, Barbara Jean Bergon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bergon of 1968 Lomita Boulevard, and Pearl Ramirez of 1315 Opp street, Wilmington.

The girls disappeared a week ago last night. In the morning Barbara Jean left as usual by bus for a private school in Long Beach. That evening she telephoned her sister, Mrs. Marjorie Todd of 1533 East I street, Wilmington, that she was helping a teacher grading papers and would be home late.

No word has been received from her since but it was learned that she was last seen with the Ramirez girl. The Bergon girl is 13 years old and the Ramirez girl, 14. Barbara Jean was a bright student and apparently interested in her school work.

### Letters to Editor

#### "THANK YOU" NOTE

Mrs. Mary Vonderahe, Society Editor, Torrance Herald.

Dear Mrs. Vonderahe: The Girl Scouts of Troop 2 wish to thank you and the Torrance Herald for your kind publicity you have given us during the past year.

Yours truly, JULIA VIELLENAVE, Reporter.

### People

what they're doing

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Butler, formerly of 1819 Cabrillo avenue, have left Torrance and will make their home with their daughter. After 13 years' residence here, Butler was retired from Columbia Steel Company last May. They will be at home to their friends at 933 North Gaffey street, San Pedro.

Recent guests at the Don Miller home, 2010 Arlington avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day and son Jimmy of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller left for Flint, Michigan, last week where they will take delivery of a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lee entertained at their dinner guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. William King and daughters, Gloria, Carol and Ola of Canoga Park.

Dr. Katherine F. Slekmann, accompanied by Los Angeles friends, attended the Catholic California Centenary convention held at the Coliseum, Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Buxton is visiting this week at the home of the son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Grow, at La Crescenta.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller entertained at their weekend guests Mrs. Miller's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams of Pasadena. The Adams had just returned from a northern trip.

## Neglect of Accident Hazards Claims 32,000 Lives Annually in U. S. Homes

### Falls and Burns Leading Causes, Red Cross Warns in Safety Appeal

Washington, D. C.—The American Home—traditionally the symbol of security and safety—rivals the highway as the scene of the nation's greatest number of accident fatalities.

In a statement issued here by the Home and Farm Accident Prevention Service of the American Red Cross, it was pointed out that accidents in the home, including falls, burns and other common mishaps, claimed 32,000 lives last year—only 600 less than the number of motor vehicle deaths. Farm accidents accounted for an additional 4,200 deaths.

Statistics showed that home deaths last year increased 500 over the preceding year and farm accidents increased 300.

In addition to a mounting death toll, home and farm accidents last year caused upwards of 4,700,000 injuries which resulted in economic losses running into millions of dollars.

To reduce the number of rural and urban accidents in and about the home, the American Red Cross in 1935 inaugurated its accident prevention program as a parallel project with the First Aid and Life Saving Services. This year, 9,000,000 "check lists" describing accident hazards and urging their removal will be distributed throughout the country.

Approximately 2,000 Red Cross chapters have undertaken a program to acquaint householders in their vicinities with accident hazards in the home and on the farm. Chapters will be aided by the Junior Red Cross and the schools in distributing the "check lists."

The program will stress the vital need for removing accident hazards causing falls, as this type of accident resulted in more than half of last year's home accident fatalities. Burns and explosions caused the next heaviest loss of life.

Accident prevention is one of seven services conducted day-to-day by the American Red Cross in its tireless campaign against accidental death and suffering arising from disaster and other causes of emergency nature. These services are supported solely by members who join each year during Roll Call, November 12-30.



Each year 1,400 adults and children die from accidental poisoning. Label bottles clearly and keep them out of reach of children.



Accidents on the farm yearly injure 200,000 persons and machinery is the leading cause. Most deaths and injuries are due to carelessness.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Miller this week are Mrs. Rebecca Henderson and Mrs. Marie Van Riper of Summit, N. J.

The many friends of Leonard Young will be happy to know that he is recovering rapidly from a recent illness and may now receive company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lee were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee at Covina. They attended homecoming services at the Christian church where Rev. George Elder, former pastor of the First Christian church, is pastor.

Glenn Maupin, accompanied by J. A. Shaffer and Clarence Coast, enjoyed a successful deer hunting trip at Mt. Thomas near Hemet Sunday when they bagged a 400 pound buck. The Winchester used by Maupin was won at the Torrance Electric shop at a cost of 50 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears were guests Sunday of Mrs. Sears' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shaw at Banning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wright were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Allen at Roscoe, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sach of 1018 Cota avenue spent Sunday at Santa Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boos of 2264 Sierra street were hosts last weekend to Mr. and Mrs. C. Conroy of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashley and children visited friends at Bakersfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington of Bakersfield visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb, 1003 Cota avenue.

Mrs. W. R. Lee returned this week from a two weeks' vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee at Selma, California.

### Married Men Want Widows Taxed to Support Bachelors

SACRAMENTO, (UP)—If you're going to tax the bachelors, why not wealthy widows?

A group of Palo Alto married men posed that question to Gov. Culbert Olson in reply to a recent incorporation by women to tax the bachelors. The men declared a large part of the idle wealth in California is in the hands of widows who have inherited it.

Concluding, the men urged that a stiff tax on such wealth be used to support unemployed bachelors.

Dr. C. E. Easley left by plane last Thursday for Rochester, Minn., where he will spend two weeks at Mayo's in a special study course in obstetrics and surgery.

## Sales Tax Yield Per Capita Said \$14 Per Year

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—California's three percent sales tax has a per capita yield of approximately \$14 a year—the highest of any state with an administrative cost of only 2.19 percent of total collections, lower than that of any other state.

T. H. Mufgord, chief of the sales tax division of the state board of equalization, attributed this record to greater retail buying in California than in most other states and more effective collection.

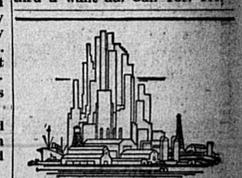
The sales levy is particularly simple to administer, Mufgord pointed out, since the state merely collects three percent of the retailer's gross sales. The retailer, however, cannot collect an exact three percent in passing the levy on the consumer because no fractional tokens are used, and on sales of \$1 or less the tax ranges from nothing to more than six percent, under the scale of charges established by the equalization board.

Minority Lose by Tax Mufgord said a series of studies by his division revealed that most businesses come out slightly behind on the tax, but the loss is negligible.

He admitted that a few specialized establishments such as ice cream stands and soda fountains almost exclusively five and ten cent sales are hit rather hard by the tax, since they must pay three percent on their gross sales, but collect very little from their customers. There are comparatively few of these, however, and they are in a "decided minority," he said.

He pointed out that the so-called "dime" stores ordinarily do not fall into this classification because most have sufficient 15-cent sales—on which they collect more than six percent tax from the purchaser—to balance off the taxless five and 10-cent sales.

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